PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (May 18, 2007)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Eric A. Alfon, M.D., a 53 year-old family practice physician from Moline, Illinois, was denied a permanent Iowa medical license. On June 28, 2006, Dr. Alfon submitted an application for an Iowa medical license. On May 1, 2007, the Board denied Dr. Alfon's application for violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in another state. In 1995 Dr. Alfon lost his hospital privileges in Illinois for performing a surgical procedure without proper privileges. On October 23, 1997, the Illinois Medical Board placed Dr. Alfon on probation due to concerns that he diagnosed a cancerous mole when in fact the cells were not cancerous. He was also ordered not to hold himself out as a dermatologist. On March 23, 2004, the Illinois Board placed Dr. Alfon on probation again due to concerns about his family medicine competency. On August 23, 2006, Dr. Alfon violated his probation.